Delay in payment of amount of fellowship to Research Scholar

4005 SHRI TTNDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN: Will tre PRIME MINISTER be peased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Research Scholars are getting the amount of their fellowship in year or so from the CSIR, Delhi;

(b) who is responsible for the delay in paying the amount of fellowship to the Research Scholars; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to see that the Research Scholars are paid their amount of fellowship on the 5th of every month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) The grant Is released in advance by the CSIR to the Universities/Institutes twice a year for making monthly payment of stipend to research scholars.

(b) and (c) There is normally no delay in releasing the grants to the universities/institutes by the CSIR. However, there may be unavoidable delays on the part of the univer sities and other research institu tions in payment of stipend to re search schcolars due to technical reasons procedural incompleteness and insufficient information with regard to completion of work of (the flesearch scholars concerned. There are possibilities of delays whenever the upgradation of fellow-snip takes place, since in such case an expert committee has to meet to assess the work of the candidate on the basis of personal interview and evaluation of the papers published by him. Although, efforts are made both by th$_e$ CSIR and the universities to cut down delays in holding such meetings, it becomes difficult to agree to continue to make payment to a candidate till the evaluation cf the progress of his recearch work is certified to be satisfactory. CSIR gets constantly in touch with the universities/re-« search institutions to ensure that (research scholars are not put to any hardship in the matter of receipt of stipend. Besides, CSIR is also taking adecuate -measures in quicken the procedure for the release of grants to universities and

Schemes for promotion pt Science & Technology amongst NGO9

4006. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) What are the schemes of the Department of Science and Techno-notogy for Non-Governmental Orga nisations (NGOs) for popularising science and technology among the younger generation;

(b) what are the various institu tions managed or assisted by the Department for training of man power in this regard; and

(c) in what manner the Depart ment of Science and Technology is promoting entrepreneurs and creat ing more job opportunities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC EJSTERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) A scheme titled, "Science Communication and Popularisation" is being operated through the National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCS-TC).

(b) The institutions that have been assisted for regular training of manpower/resource persons for Science communication are: (i) Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai; (ii) Pondicherry University, Pondicherry; (iii) Science Association of Bengal, Calcutta; (iv) Devi Ahilya Viswavidyalaya, Indore (v) Luckow University, Lucknow (vi) Centre for Development of Imaging Technology, Kerala.

(c) The Department of Science and Technology through the National Science and Technology Enterpreneu. ship Development Board is promoting entrepreneurship among S&T persons through various programmes such as: Entrepreneurship Awareness Camp (EAC), Entrepreneurship Development Training Programme (EDP), Science and Technology Entrepreneurs Park (STEP), Science and Technology Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (STEDS), Entrepreneurship Development Cell (EDC), Skill Development programmes and incentive schemes.

Threat *to* the functioning of research in the Department of Biotechnology

4007. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the daily Hindu dated the 3rd April, 1995 about the threat to the functioning of research in the Department of Biotechnology because of the tussle between its scientific and adminisrative staff; and

"(b) the steps taken to help the scientists working in the Department of Biotechnology to implement their proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Department of Biotechnology, as per its mandate, supports research and development in biotechnology. The programmes are implemented by academic and research institutions and national laboratories in the country. With the help of the scientists of the Department and Expert Task Forces, reseach and development projects are identified, processed, evaluated and monitored. Continuous efforts have been made to streamline various procedures for expeditious and successful implementation of the programmes in this (field. Further, necessary steps arc also being taken to ensure smooth functioning of the Department to keep pace with the rapid advances taking place in the field of biotechnology all over the world.

Progress in rocket and satellite techno/ogy

4008. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made by the country in rocket and satellite technology; and

(b) the progress made so far in the-development of cryogenic engines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE: IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S. OFFICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MTNTSTPY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE TN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOJfTC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) (i) Progress made in rocket tech-nology With the-successful launch